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SUBJ: IRS TRANSFER TO SYDNEY

REF: STATE 287373

1. GOA DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TAX AUTHORITIES HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED TRANSFER.

2. DFA POINTS OUT SENIOR IRS REP COULD NO LONGER BE ACCORDED DIPLOMATIC STATUS, AND WOULD ASSUME CONSULAR OFFICER STATUS IN SYDNEY. HIS DEPUTY WOULD HAVE CONSULAR EMPLOYEE STATUS. DFA REQUESTS NOTIFICATION BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHEN AND IF USG DECIDES TO PROCEED.

3. AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE APPEARS MILDLY DOUBTFUL THAT PROPOSED MOVE WOULD BENEFIT OPEATIONS OF IRS UNIT, BUT VIEWS THIS A MATTER FOR USG JUDGEMENT AND OF NO OFFICIAL CONCERN TO GOA. TAXATION COMMISSIONER DID EMPHASIZE HIS STRONG DESIRE THAT IRS UNIT, WHEREVER IT MAY BE LOCATED, DEAL WITH AUSTRALAIN TAX OFFICE THROUGH CANBERRA HEADQUARTERS AND THAT ANY RELATIONS WITH LOCAL BRANCHES OF AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE BE WITH SPECIFIC PRIOR AGREEMENT OF TAXATION OFFICE CANBERRA HEADQUARTERS.

4. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED IMPACT ON SYDNEY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WORKLOAD WITH THE CONSULATE GENERAL. THIS SHOULD BE MANAGEABLE BUT OF COURSE DOES REPRESENT SOME INCREASE IN THE

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WORKLOAD OF AN ALREADY LEAN STAFF. IRS REQUIRES ONLY MINIMAL

SUPPORT IN AREAS SUCH AS PAYMENT OF ALLOWANCES, PETTY CASH, PROCESSING A FEW VOUCHERS, AND PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT.

5. ANTICIPATED FAAS CHARGES FOR IRS FOR FY 77 ESTIMATED AT A\$3,000 (US\$,060). IRS/CANBERRA HAS OBTAINED ITS OWN ESTIMATED COST, A\$4,500(US\$4,590) FOR RELOCATING THE OFFICE FROM CANBERRA TO SYDNEY.

6. EMBASSY HAS NO PREFERENCE IN THIS MATTER AND IS AGREEABLE TO WHICHEVER LOCATION DEPARTMENT AND IRS AGREE ON.
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